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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-20 and 23-24 are now pending. Claims 1, 9 and 17 have been amended. Claims 5-6, 12-13, 21-22 and 25-26 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laursen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,847,618 (Laursen) in view of Simard et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,940,826 (Simard).

Applicant respectfully traverses. To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Ryoka*, 180 U.S.P.Q. 580 (C.C.P.A. 1974). See also *In re Wilson*, 165 U.S.P.Q. 494 (C.C.P.A. 1970). Applicant respectfully submits claims 1, 9 and 17 recite elements which have not been disclosed, taught or suggested by Laursen and Simard, individually or in combination.

For example, claims 1, 9 and 17 generally recite a method and system for providing a conferencing session which includes configuring the sub-packets in the output packet so that upon receipt of the output packet by a participant, the participant examines the packets and outputs a first examined sub-packet which does not include an indication that the sub-packet includes content received from the participant, the output packet being configured as a UDP packet which encapsulates the first sub-packet and the second sub-packet, the first sub-packet and the second sub-packet configured as RTP packets. Laursen and Simard fail to disclose, teach or suggest a method and system for providing a conferencing session which includes configuring the sub-packets in the output packet so that upon receipt of the output packet by a participant, the participant examines the packets and outputs a first examined sub-packet which does not include an indication that the sub-packet includes content received from the participant, the output packet being configured as a UDP packet which encapsulates the first sub-packet and the second sub-packet, the first sub-packet and the second sub-packet configured as RTP packets.

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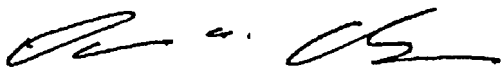
The Patent Office correctly states that Laursen fails to a method and system for providing a conferencing session which includes configuring the sub-packets in the output packet so that upon receipt of the output packet by a participant, the participant examines the packets and outputs a first examined sub-packet which does not include an indication that the sub-packet includes content received from the participant. However, Simard fails to cure the defects of Laursen. The Patent Office cites Column 11, Lines 32-64 for support of its assertion. This passage merely discloses a unicast transmission but fails to disclose the configuration of sub-packets configures the sub-packets in the output packet so that upon receipt of the output packet by a participant, the participant examines the packets and outputs a first examined sub-packet which does not include an indication that the sub-packet includes content received from the participant. Consequently, elements of claims 1, 9 and 17 have not been disclosed, taught or suggested by Laursen and Simard. Under *in re Ryoka*, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established for claims 1, 9 and 17. Claims 2-4, 7-8, 10-11, 14-16, 18-20 and 23-24 should be allowed due to their dependence upon an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Issuance of the present application as a patent is therefore solicited. It is believed no additional fees are due at this time. However, should the Examiner disagree, please charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-2179. Please also charge this deposit account, at any time during the pendency of this application, for any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.25.

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